

I find it interesting that the organizations that represents the local broadcasters feel so threatened by something as innocent as trying to provide a good service for a reasonable fee. Aren't they prepared to compete? I've been an XM subscriber for close to 2 years. I enjoy my satellite radio especially when i'm traveling. For example, last week I was in the Washington, D.C. area and it was a great benefit to be able to receive instant traffic and weather on the weekend. If I had been tied to just FM or AM, I would've had to listen to at least 20 mintues of babbling and station searching just to get the traffic reports. Many of which aren't even close to accurate in the first place.

Last but not least, the satellite system doesn't impede the local broadcasters ability to use the airwaves. The problem is that the broadcasters want to use the airwaves as THEY see fit rather than giving the public (who actually OWNS the airwaves) a functional usable and enjoyable service.

In short, they (the broadcasters) have so abused their positions in their respective markets to build profits that they have forced to consumers to look for alternatives. Well, now consumers have an alternative and we should be allowed to keep it on OUR terms. THEY should compete....plain and simple!